Mr. V. T. Arasu:—"Will the hon. Member be pleased to state whether the Government are aware of the recent tragedy at the Courtallam Waterfalls and that several lives were lost?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"I saw something about it in the papers."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—"Will he be pleased to call for a report from the Collector of the district as regards this incident?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"I shall consider my Friend's suggestion."

Prisons and Prisoners

Classification of Mr. K. V. Subba Rao of Salem, a political prisoner.

* 310 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) in which jail Mr. C. Rajagopalachari and Mr. K. V. Subba Rao, both political prisoners of Salem, are kept;

(*b*) in which class each of them is put; and on whose recommendation;

(*c*) whether the Government are aware about the position and status of Mr. K. V. Subba Rao;

(*d*) whether any representations have been received to put Mr. K. V. Subba Rao in a better class than that which was originally assigned to him; and

(*e*) if so, in what way they have been disposed of?

A.—(*a*) C. Rajagopalachari and K. V. Subba Rao are in the Central Jail, Coimbatore.

(*b*), (*c*), (*d*) & (*e*)—

(1) C. Rajagopalachari has been provisionally placed in the 'A' class by the Subdivisional Magistrate, Sankari. The question of the confirmation of the classification is under the consideration of Government.

(2) K. V. Subba Rao was placed in 'C' class by the Subdivisional Magistrate, Sankari. Representations were since made to Government for placing him in a higher class and the Government have issued orders placing him in 'B' class.

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—"May I know, Sir, whether Mr. C. Rajagopalachari was put in 'A' class during his previous convictions?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"That is my recollection."

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Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" Will not the Government confirm the order to put him in 'A' class as he was already put in 'A' class when he was previously sentenced?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" The order of the Magistrate is that he should be placed in 'A' class and it may be confirmed by the Government."

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—" May I know when the order placing Mr. K. V. Subba Rao in 'B' class was passed?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" It is given in the answer."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" Arising out of the answer to clause (*b*)—I believe it refers to the classification of Mr. Rajagopalachari—am I to understand that there is the likelihood of his being put in 'A-1' class or 'B' class or 'C' class?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" I am yet to know that there is such a class as 'A-1' class."

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—" May I know, Sir, why Mr. Subba Rao was put in 'C' class originally?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" That was according to the discretion of the trying Magistrate; he thought that he deserved only that class."

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—" Did he not enquire about Mr. Subba Rao's status?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" The Court has discretion and it came to that conclusion."

Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" Was the discretion exercised properly?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" That is the reason why the Government changed him to 'B' class."

Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" Has the Magistrate been told that he should use his discretion properly?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" All the Magistrates know that they should exercise their discretion properly and they do so. Only in some cases the Government differ from them."

Withdrawal of the privileges admissible to Mr. K. Satyanarayana, a 'B' class political prisoner in the Bellary Central Jail.

* 311 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Superintendent cut off the privileges of Mr. K. Satyanarayana, a 'B' class prisoner in the Bellary Central Jail for two months;